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1. REFTEL INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED HA THUC KY'S RUNNING-MATE AS THE NGUYEN VAN DINH WHO WAS DIEM'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM 1961 TO 1963. KY'S RUNNING-MATE IS ANOTHER NGUYEN VAN DING.

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2. HA THUC KY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, NA MEMBER NGUYEN VAN NGAI, INFORMS US THAT DINH IS 58 YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF CAN DUOC DISTRICT, LONG AN PROVINCE. HE RECEIVED LAW DEGREE FROM HANOI UNIVERSITY IN 1933 AND WAS WITH VIET MIN IN 1945/46.

3. ACCORDING TO NGAI, DINH OCCUPIED DIRECTOR LEVEL POSITION IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY FROM 1949-52. HE WAS PROVINCE CHIEF OF TAY NINH IN 1953, VINH LONG IN 1954 AND BIEN HOA IN 1955. LATER HE WAS DEPUTY MAYOR OF SAIGON AND HE NOW RUNS A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN SAIGON.

4. DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON DINH WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NGAI?

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